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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 9, 2001, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection mailed on June 30, 2003 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 10-287489 and were not previously made of record in the instant application, to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-205181, which was published on August 8, 1995, together with both an English language translation and English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-51093, which was published on February 28, 1995, together with both an English language translation and English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 9-287091, which was published on November 4, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is listed on the Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection as Application No. 98560/1996; and

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 62-264931, which was published on November 17, 1987, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,008,059 to KAEUFER et al., which issued on April 16, 1991.

Applicant also calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents, which were listed in the Notice of Reason for Rejection as "preceding technical references" rather than "cited references":

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-105128, which was published on April 20, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-115230, which was published on April 27, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-329345, which was published on December 15, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-278217, which was published on October 20, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the English language translation of the Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all of the above materials and cite the patent documents. The above-noted patents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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